GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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QUALIFICATION FOR ACQUIRING COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the essential qualifications for acquiring commercial pilot licence;

(b) whether all the existing commercial pilots licence holders possess the said qualification;

(c) the number of persons holding commercial pilot licence and the number of persons out of them employed as pilots in various airlines; and

(d) the number of pilots employed in various scheduled and non-scheduled airlines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- The Aircraft Rules, 1937, as amended in 1993, prescribe that an applicant for Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) should have passed class 10+2 or an equivalent examination with physics and mathematics from a recognised Board/University. This requirement regarding educational qualification came into effect from 01.01.1994. However, those candidates who had got themselves enrolled for flying training before 01.01.1994 with any flying club/institute/school are exempted from the above mentioned educational qualifications.

(c) and (d):- The total number of Commercial Pilot Licence (Aeroplane/Helicopter) holders is 4572 till 08.08.2001.The Directorate General of Civil Aviation does not maintain records of employment of pilots.